

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**Department of Natural Resources**  
**Division of Forestry**  
**Mat-Su Area Office**

**Preliminary Best Interest Finding under AS 38.05.035 and AS 38.05.945**  
**Forest Land Use Plan under AS 38.05.112 and AS 38.05.945**

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, gives formal notice under AS 38.05.945 (a)(3) that the Division has made a preliminary decision under AS 38.05.035(e) and prepared a forest land use plan under AS 38.05.112 regarding the following commercial timber sale:

**Iron Timber Sale (SC-3066M)**

Volume is approximately 325 cunits of white birch and 38 thousand board feet( mbf) of white spruce saw logs on approximately 51 acres in the Willer-Kash Block of state lands in Section 9, Township 20 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian, approximately 7 miles east of the town of Willow.

Before the sale may be held, the Director of the Division of Forestry must make a written Final Best Interest Finding that this sale best serves the interest of the State. This Decision will set out the facts and applicable policies upon which the Director bases his determination that the proposed timber sale will or will not best serve the interest of the State. The Final Finding is expected to be available to the public after **August 24, 2017**.

The public is invited to comment on any aspect of this proposed timber sale's Preliminary Best Interest Finding and the accompanying forest land use plan. Comments should be mailed to the Division of Forestry, Mat-Su Area Office, 101 Airport Road, Palmer, AK 99645 and/or email: [tim.dabney@alaska.gov](mailto:tim.dabney@alaska.gov). Comments must be received at the Division of Forestry no later than **July 24, 2017** in order to be considered in the Final Finding of whether or not this sale will be held in whole or in part. To be eligible to appeal a final finding, a person must have provided written comment by **July 24, 2017**. Copies of the Preliminary Best Interest Finding and the forest land use plan are available by contacting the Division at the above address and or email or by telephoning the office at (907) 761-6301. The fax number is 761-6319.

Copies of the preliminary finding and the forest land use plan are available for review at the Division of Forestry at the above address and on the world wide web at: <http://forestry.alaska.gov/timber/matsu>.

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, or special modifications to participate in this review may contact the number above.

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